

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 20-25, and 27-30 were pending. Claims 1, 10, 20, 21 and 30 have been amended.

Since each of the newly amended independent claims 1, 10, 20, 21 and 30 includes limitations that are not taught or suggested by the cited references, the independent claims should be allowed. Further, since dependent claims 2-9, 22-25 and 27-29 depend from and further limit respective independent claims 1, 10, 20 and 21, they should also be allowed.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that all the claims in the application are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner deem that any further amendment is needed to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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